

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**The Vancouver Life Drawing Society**

Monday March 12, 2018; Basic Inquiry Studio at 6:40 pm

Meeting called to order at 6:40pm

In attendance: Douglas Smardon (president), Suzanne Saint Pierre (vice-president), Alain Boullard (member-at-large), Nick Jackiw (treasurer), Paul Kernan (secretary)

**Standing Items:**

1. President's introduction

The president did not make a formal introduction, but acknowledged Suzanne's presence and role as the Society's VP role. Doug briefly described the traditional role of the VP, as practiced by the last VPs as:

- Managing corporate ticket sales
- Rental of storage spaces
- Studio rentals

Doug also indicated that there was some flexibility as to the roles Suzanne might take on and also recognized her current role as the Society's Purchaser.

2. Approval of minutes of previous meeting, January 22, 2018

Approved

3. Financial Report

Nick provided balance sheets and income statements for December 2017 and January 2018. Both reports were positive with nothing unusual. Noteworthy items include:

- a. A change in the gains in investment compared to last year reflecting the move from REITs to term deposits.
- b. A relatively low investment income in 2017. Nick will further investigate this.

4. Models

No discussion

## **New Business:**

1. With respect to the lease of the main Street Studio, the City of Vancouver has requested a copy of the Society's certificate of insurance certificate. Paul will contact Hub and request this be forwarded to the City.
  
2. **Studio Rental to Members**
  - a. Details of the rental of the studio for multiple days (e.g. 6 Fridays) were discussed. There are a number of volunteer members interested in renting the studio for multi-day sessions. Concern was expressed that in agreeing to this there was potential for the Society to be subsidizing Artist's commercial enterprises. It was agreed that for these sessions all participants should be Basic Inquiry members. It was also decided that the issue of the total number of days a member can lease at any one time would be discussed again at a later date.
  - b. The Board approved Angela Muellers' request to rent the studio on Friday afternoons was approved.
  
3. **Bathroom Renovations**

Bathroom renovations are almost complete and the bathroom is operational. In order to claim TI allowance from the City it will be necessary to collect receipts for materials used. Nick will coordinate this.
  
4. **Cheque Signing Authority**

The issue of which board members had authority to sign cheques was discussed; currently the President and the Treasurer have authority. Alain expressed the view that other board members should also be able to sign cheques on behalf of the society. Nick disagreed and suggested that in practice there had rarely been situations when one or other of the signing authorities were not available. Doug questioned whether the Vice President should also have signing authority. At this time no changes will be made.
  
5. **Preparing for BC 's New Societies Act**

The new Societies Act will come into effect on November 28, 2018. All existing societies, including VLDS are required to transition to the new Act.

One of the steps in this process requires modification to the VLDS Constitution and By-laws. These documents, which are currently combined, are required to be separate documents. A motion to permit this change will be tabled at the upcoming annual general meeting.

6. Date for AGM

- c. The date for the AGM was confirmed as April 21 at 2:00PM.

7. New Wednesday Morning Session

- c. The possibility of adding an additional drawing session on Wednesday mornings was discussed. It was suggested that the session could be billed as an experimental session, with changing formats and possibly more atypical models.
- d. It was agreed that this could be done on a trial basis.
- e. It was also suggested that with a changing format there would be a need each week to describe the upcoming session and post information on the Society's Facebook page.
- f. Elsa Chesnel has expressed an interest in managing this session and it was decided to invite her to the next board meeting to discuss her thoughts on the session.

8. Date for Next Board Meeting

Meeting tentatively scheduled for April 16, 2018, 6:00 - 9:00PM

There being no other business, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.